

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: August 2, 2023

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
DAILY TRIBUNE
WFHR/WGLX
JASON WORDEN

ERIK SAYLOR
CALEB MCGREGOR
SCOTT DREW
LONN RADTKE

JEN MOORE
TIARA GRUNDEN
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: T. Grunden, C. McGregor, J. Moore, S. Drew, J. Worden, B. Mancl
Citizens:

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order.
2. ***Roll Call:*** All Present.
3. ***Approve the previous months minutes and Agenda:*** **MOTION** (Moore/Grunden) to approve previous month's minutes. All ayes.
4. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** Joe Zurfluh stated that he supports the committee taking action regarding facial hair and SCBA because it is a state statute. Regarding eliminating the Fire Department Membership Committee, he does not support that.
5. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** Chairman McGregor welcomed April Hammond and Brad Johnson from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services to answer questions regarding the varying circumstances regarding the SCBA and SPS330.
 - a.) Questions regarding April Hammond's written responses regarding SPS330. Discussion followed regarding April's suggestions regarding how to improve the SOG provided by Chief Worden.
6. ***Fire Department – General Update:***
 - a) Nothing regarding alternatives for PPE.
 - b) First responder calls have increased. Possibly related to the high temperatures. There were 22 First Responder calls and 9 fire calls this month.
 - c) Lexipol packets have been distributed.
 - d) Holding off on the final bylaws until a determination has been made regarding the future of the membership committee.

- e) It was determined that the ongoing grinding noise from the rescue squad was from not having the tires rotated.
- f) Chairman McGregor requested that Chief Worden continue to provide the monthly call pay sheets. These will be useful in the ongoing EMS conversation.
- g) Discussion regarding the ongoing circumstance regarding the inability of firefighters to use SCBA if they have facial hair. Chief Worden has written up a Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) that suggests allowing those that have facial hair to do other things that would not require them to go into a fire or be in the IDLH zone. There are currently 16 firefighters on the roster. There are 6 or 7 that have facial hair. He doesn't know how many firefighters may refuse to shave to be qualified to go into a fire. He will work on the SOG tonight and make the changes that April Hammond suggested may be concerning. The new version of the SOG will be presented to FHR on August 3rd.

7. **MOTION** (Grunden/Moore) to dissolve PEFD Membership Committee. After some discussion Motion was rescinded. (Grunden/Moore) all ayes.

8. **MOTION** (Moore/Grunden) to purchase of rescue vehicle.

- a) Chief Worden presented details for the purchase of the rescue vehicle at \$70,000.00. Current rescue vehicle is a 2004 with approximately 34,350 miles.
- b) Chairman McGregor – The current rescue squad is nearly twenty years old. The newer vehicle compared to the current vehicle would likely have better safety standards. He would support the purchase of the new rescue vehicle.
- c) Matt Fletcher explained that the benefit if this vehicle is it could transport more people and supplies.
- d) Tiara Grunden – Not comfortable taking on a payment on another vehicle when we don't have enough firefighters to use the engines that we currently have. Uncomfortable replacing a vehicle that only has 34,350 miles (2004 in good running condition) with a \$70,000.00 vehicle. Although high miles this vehicle is regularly maintained and inspected. Can't justify it right now.
- e) Jen Moore – Would like to see the bigger picture of what the financial plan might be for the purchase since Boz did add it to the capital outlay plan.
- f) Chief Worden believes we would likely need to take a loan.
- g) President Mancl will speak to Diane about the financial process if we choose to purchase.
- h) **MOTION** (Moore/Grunden) to rescind. All ayes.

9. ***Police Department – General Update:***

- a) Issued two new Lexipol policies – Social Media and Subpoenas and court appearances.
- b) No updates on the grants.
- c) Working traffic grants – received \$729.70 for June.
- d) Squad car – When Chief Drew started the Village was on a four year rotation of the squad cars. currently the Chief has extended the process to a five year rotation. Currently – 2018 93,000 miles, 2021 23,000. Concerned if we eliminate the third squad we might not be able

to replace it easily if they hit a deer or had an unforeseen event. This could reduce them to one squad.

- e) The police department hosted its first blood drive.

10. Old business: None.

11. New business: None.

12. Correspondence received: None.

13. Future Agenda Items: Rescue vehicle purchase plan, SOG.

14. Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

15. Adjourn: Adjourned at 5:50pm.

Minutes taken by – Tiara Grunden
Caleb McGregor – Chairman